

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF TOP STUDENT HISTORIANS IN COLORADO HISTORY DAY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Emily Haskins, a student at Powell Middle School in Littleton, Colorado. Emily created a museum-style exhibit entitled "Nazi Communication: Pompous Propaganda or Subtle Manipulation?" and qualified to compete at the National History Day competition by placing third in her category at the Colorado History Day State Contest, where she was one of 638 competitors.

Colorado History Day is the National History Day program affiliate for the state of Colorado. National History Day is a year-long education program that engages students in grades 6–12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, museum-style exhibits, multimedia documentaries, and research papers based on their own research related to a broad annual theme. Their projects are then evaluated in a series of local and state competitions, culminating in an annual national competition. Nationwide, more than 800,000 students are involved in the National History Day program. More than 4,000 Colorado students participate in History Day activities at the local level each year, and they represent every type of Colorado community, from the cities and suburbs of the Front Range, to rural plains towns and mountain communities. At the Colorado History Day State Competition on April 23, 2005, held at the University of Colorado at Boulder, 54 students qualified to represent Colorado at the National History Day competition June 12–16 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

This year's National History Day theme, "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding," encompasses endless possibilities for exploration. Students embark on journeys of discovery that teach them about various facets of world, national, regional, and local history as they produce their original research projects. By encouraging young Coloradans to take advantage of the wealth of primary historical resources available to them, students gain a richer understanding of historical issues, ideas, people, and events. Students in this program learn how to analyze a variety of primary sources such as photographs, letters, diaries, magazines, maps, artifacts, sound recordings, and motion pictures. This significant academic exercise encourages intellectual growth while helping students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will help them manage and use information, now and in the future. For more than twenty-five years the National History Day program has promoted systemic educational reform related to the teaching and learning of history in America's schools. The combination of cre-

ativity and scholarship built into the National History Day program anticipated current educational reforms, making National History Day a leading model of performance-based learning.

These impressive students represent educational excellence in America. Every student in Colorado should have the opportunity to participate in this enriching program.

These students' teachers also deserve our respect. They are fine examples of the best in the teaching profession. Their encouragement and dedication has encouraged these students to strive for excellence and be successful in their endeavors. For this reason, I would also like to recognize Emily's teacher, Denise Shaw-Paswaters.

HONORING BUSINESS FLOORING SPECIALISTS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Business Flooring Specialists which was recently honored as the number 45 "Fastest-Growing New Business in America" by Entrepreneur Magazine's Hot 100 list.

In 2002, relying on a combined 45 years of experience and knowledge, President Jeff Bennett and Vice President Dale Walton established a successful company that specializes in professional floor covering and installation. Despite its rapid growth and new-found success, Bennett and Walton still personally oversee every project to guarantee that each project is done efficiently and with great detail. Just 3 years later, with the effort and loyalty the two founders have instilled, Business Flooring Specialists has become one of the premier flooring companies in North-Central Texas.

As their Congressman, I am honored to represent a company and group of individuals that are so strongly committed to instilling a tough work ethic and satisfying its customers. I congratulate Business Flooring Specialists for its dedication and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY "JEFF" MARKHAM OF LAKEPORT, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Jeffrey "Jeff" Markham of Lakeport, California as he retires from the Lake County Sheriff's Department after serving and protecting our community for the past 35 years.

Captain Markham has been an indispensable member of the Lake County law enforcement team. Since 1969, he has wholeheartedly committed himself to our community, working selflessly and relentlessly towards bettering the lives of Lake County citizens. Whether out patrolling the streets or supervising the office, Jeff has worked day and night to protect Lake County.

A highly respected and revered man, Captain Markham has held many other important positions throughout the county and state including law enforcement liaison between the Lake County Board of Supervisors and the Lake County Sheriff. In addition to his responsibilities in Lake County he has served as the State of California Narcotics Agent for 18 Northern California counties.

Mr. Speaker, when not in uniform, Captain Markham is very active throughout the community. While President of the local Little League he helped lead the development of a new baseball field. He has served as Head Cub Master for local Cub Scouts. For eight years he served on the Konocti Unified School District Board of Trustees and taught police science at Yuba College's Lake County campus in Clearlake. He has been a member of various organizations including the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge, and the Old Car Club.

A native Californian, Captain Markham graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from California State University at San Jose. He then earned his Master's in public Administration from the University of Southern California and later attended the FBI National Academy. Jeff and his wife Jeanne have two sons, David who also lives in Lakeport and Stephen who resides in nearby Clearlake where he is the Vice Mayor. Jeff and Jeanne are also the proud grandparents of six.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate that we honor and thank Captain Jeffrey Markham for his years of devotion to public service and extend our best wishes to him as he retires.

HONORING JUDY GOFF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and achievements of Judy Goff of Alameda, California. Judy has been a dynamic and innovative leader in the labor community for more than 30 years, and today receives the Central Labor Council (CLC) of Alameda County, AFL–CIO's Lifetime Achievement Award as Unionist of the Year.

Judy is currently the Executive Secretary Treasurer Emeritus of the CLC of Alameda County, AFL–CIO, representing 135 unions and over 126,000 working families. She is known not only for her historic policy reforms in favor of immigrants' and workers' rights, but

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